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(Scott Whittemore)Docket No.: ASZD-P01-891  
(PATENT)

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:  
Barton et al.

Application No.: 10/533,341

Confirmation No.: 7190

Filed: April 29, 2005

Art Unit: 1626

For: 2-OXO-ETHANESULFONAMIDE  
DERIVATIVES

Examiner: R. Shiao

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

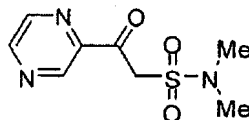
In response to the outstanding Restriction Requirement, dated May 23, 2007, Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, Group I, claims 1-10 and 14-16, in part, drawn to compounds of formula (I) wherein variable A independently represents carbocyclyl phenyl, or heterocyclyl selected from pyridyl, thiazolyl, or pyrazinyl, wherein the variables R<sub>1</sub>-R<sub>5</sub> independently do not represent heteroaryl or heterocyclyl or substituted with heteroaryl or heterocyclyl and methods of use thereof. Applicants assert that there is unity of invention because, amongst other reasons, groups I and II comprise A groups with 5- or 6-membered aromatic rings. Group II is drawn to compounds of formula (I) wherein the variable A independently represents thienyl, furyl, or 1,2,3-thiadiazolyl, wherein the variables R<sub>1</sub>-R<sub>5</sub> independently do not represent heteroaryl or heterocyclyl or substituted with heteroaryl or heterocyclyl and methods of use thereof. Applicants respectfully submit that both groups could easily be searched simultaneously using standard searching software. Accordingly, Applicants believe that it would pose no additional burden on the Examiner to search Group II in addition to Group I.

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With respect to the election of species, with traverse and for search purposes only,  
Applicants elect Example 14 in the application as filed:

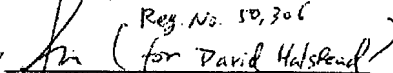


Example 14: (*N,N*-Dimethylsulphamoylmethyl)(pyrazin-2-yl)ketone

Please charge any fees due with this response, including the fee associated with the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time, to our Deposit Account No. 18-1945, under Order No. ASZD-P01-891 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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